

Laguenoria Feb. 25, 1851.

Mr. George Scarenport.

Dear Sir -

Enclosed is fifty cents
(\$.50) to pay for the catalogue, which
I received promptly.

Damptosoma phizophyllum and
Coleozium richardsonae are also
to be found at Chittenango falls,
I obtained specimens from there
last fall, I can send you specimens
if you like.

Thanking you kindly for your
promptness

I am

Respectfully,
Frances Nash.

Brunswick, Maine

Dec 16, 1878.

Geo. E. Davenport, Esq.

Dear Sir.

I address you to introduce you to my brother Dr C. F. Essenden Nichols 56 Boylston St. who has a very choice collection of Hawaiian ferns gathered by himself, and also large collections from other countries which I have thought you might be interested to see & perhaps my brother could make some exchanges with you to the end of securing needed American varieties

I have myself through
the kindness of Miss Furbish
who is a devoted member of
my parish been greatly indebt-
ed to you for specimens and for
information. I only wish that
my parochial duties gave me
more opportunity to give my-
self to the study.

My brother is very much
driven, but should you call
at his office & use my name
the collection will be gladly
at your service

With much respect

Very truly yours
Rev. H. P. Nichols.

H \ Feb 15. 1880.

Geo. E. Davenport -

Dear Sir

Our Normal school building has been destroyed by fire and the herbarium to which I had given so much of labor and of material has gone down in the destruction

The calamity will not materially change my plans however, as I hope to be at liberty for field work by the middle of April, and shall then be enabled to return your exchange early in the season. Respectfully
M. E. P. Norton.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Geo. E. Dartmouth.

Melrose,
Mass.

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San Jose, Cal.
Aug. 26, 1880.

Geo. E. Davenport, Botanist
Medford Mass.

Dear Sir

Some months ago I promised that I would make all practicable search for the *Adiantum tricholepis*.

During the past summer I have explored the canyons in the immediate vicinity of Monterey, without success, though I found an abundance of the *A. pedatum* and our other coast species.

I had hoped for a visit from Mr Geo. R. Vasey who was

in the Santa Lucia Mts.,
engaged in the U.S. Census
service, Depart. of Forests,

That is an attractive field
for an explorer, but not
accessible to ladies.

By addressing Dr Vasey you
may gain some information.

I hope soon to be able to
send you the address of a
collector in that vicinity
though I was disappointed
in meeting the members of
the exploring party while
in Monterey.

If you desire a set of our
coast ferns I shall soon be
able to send them to you.

Soon after our building
was destroyed by fire, you
kindly offered to contribute to

to our herbarium.

I shall now be able to receive
and care for such collections,
and shall be especially pleased
to obtain high Sierra plants
from our State.

All such contributions
should be directed to me, as I
now have a distinct appointment
to the department of Botany, +
sent to the care of the State Normal
School.

With sincere gratitude
for your kind sympathy in
our loss I am

Very Truly Yours
Mary E. B. Norton.

My dear Mr. Clarendon,

Receiving your note
yesterday, and I confess
my hearty disappointment
at not being able to go with

You in the afternoon. I went
down to High School &
asked Miss Macomber, but
found her just about
to start for York, Me. on
the noon train - My class
graduated from college
yesterday, ^{afternoon}, and that was

my reason for not being
with you. Still I have
not given up hope and
thank you for your
kindness in letting me have
at least a chance.

Very sincerely yours,

Helen M. Rogers.

Aubrndale

June 28, '99

Oct. 3, 1887.

O. R. ORCUTT,
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

Geo. E. Davenport,

My dear sir:

Your kind favor of Sept. 22, is

I regret very greatly, under
at hand. the circumstances you mention, the
note regarding Mr. Pringle in the Scientific

that you referred to.

I failed to receive any word from Mr.
Hospital regarding him and a visitor at
San Diego who was acquainted with Mr.
Pringle's plans for the season and had formerly
accompanied him on one of his expeditions, expressed
his opinion and stated that he had failed also
in receiving news from our mutual friend.

I am much pleased however to receive
your news of him and hope sincerely the
hasty paragraph may not lead to any unpleasant
results to his mother, especially since news has
been rec'd from him since the date of my

magazine.

Thanking you for your kind letter,
Sincerey

O. R. Orcutt.

Laboratory of Organic Natural History:

CHARLES RUSSELL ORCUTT

SAN DIEGO, California, July 15, 1884.

Geo. E. Davenport,

Dear Sir;

I have just returned from Lower Cal. and have succeeded in getting some more of that Nodosa which I have sent to you and I now send a dozen specimens hoping you may be able to determine it by them. If you need more I can furnish another dozen I believe. It grows in an almost inaccessible place and is not abundant.

I have not yet found Parish's Phloxanthus and hardly expect to do so.  You may get it in that locality this fall. Shall I return the one you sent me or shall I keep it, at least for a time?

L. Cal. has been nearly inaccessible this year but I have found a few things in this vicinity,

Very truly yours

C. R. Orcutt.

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No. 365 TWENTY-FIRST STREET,

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,

May 15 1894

Mr Geo. E. Vancouver:

Your kind letter to me Oct. 2d. is taken a
true. Yours & Frederic and yours later
is filed awaiting his return.

Yours sincerely
(Geo. C. R. Orcutt, F. C. W.)

San Diego, Calif. June 21, 1894.

GEO. E. Davenport.

64 Valley St., Medford Mass.

My dear sir.—Your favor of 4th ult. I find on my return from Mexico, where my work was interrupted by illness so I had to return.

I doubt if I have a good spec. of No. 2346, but if I find some I will remember you. I hoped to have some Mexican ferns to send you, but I only collected a few things before I was taken sick.

Sincerely,

E. L. Crockett.

San Diego, Calif. 12 June 1901.

Geo. E. Davenport.

Medford, Mass.

My dear sir.— I enclose a copy of the West American Scientist and would ask you to kindly let me enroll you as a life subscriber. Price is \$10.00 — payable in cash, books or specimens at your own valuation. I would like to be remembered with copies of your own writings as far as possible, past, present and future, and any duplicate literature will be acceptable — odd numbers of periodicals, etc. I am especially anxious to build up a goodly list and hope to make it more worthy of its name if my affairs prosper.

I would be glad to receive any article from your pen also, on our western ferns especially. Kindly let me hear from you favorably.

Sincerely

C. R. Bratt.

(383) Miss G.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 5,
1924

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Mr. George E. Davenport.

Dear Sir,

monitors and various species of the
island; the western side is more
drier and a scrub forest, and
there little ferns to be, but they find
them - as here it more common
in central areas than in the coastal
regions. This from the over
the mountains. As far as for ferns -
the "Journal" says "stems about 12-18"
high, "spicate calyx" but they are
numerous times on the island. So the
height is much higher than the
2-3" given in the Manual. Of
the have it the "Anterior Caly-
cleus" shall be good & send
me a copy; its fern like was made
out by thoroughly competent per-
sons.

M-L.O.

For list mentioned see pamphlets

OTW 1924

In reply to your notice
in the October number of "Rhodora" that
you would like accurate lists of ferns from
any localities I have made out and will
enclose a list of the ferns known to grow
in Western Massachusetts, except *Asplenium*
angustifolium, said, on the best of au-
thority, to grow in Amherst, but which
I have never seen from that locality.
What I have not collected myself
have been brought to me by two
accurate and reliable Fern students
Mr. S. Stebbins and Dr. W. H. Chapin;
one, however, as far as I know, has
been reported only by Mr. Goldthwait
of Worcester. That is *Ophioglossum*

missions.

I can give other localities for almost every species in the list I have given, but instead of details which might be unnecessary, I will only offer a few facts: *Eupatorium* is the only one and *M. cordifol.* that I would send.

I send no specimens because I cannot easily obtain them, and it is not likely that you care for the common species; whatever you really want to see I will try to borrow from you & you would offer to get some collected by the members of our botanical society if you send me, but that may be too late.

Regarding the list - my

be of service,

Yours very truly

Geo. W. Nichols

Mass. Acad.

P.S. It comes to my mind only at this moment that I can report on the flora of New Haven - the only addition I can make to the list in the Catalogue published in 1888 is that *Ophioglossum vulgatum* was found in 1891 in abundance at New Haven. This makes the third locality; in the other two only a few specimens were found. Gray's Manual says that *Hedwigia ciliolata* is rare; it certainly is so in the interior of this state, but in Connecticut it grows in about every situation short - that is, damp or wet - all over the

363 Main St.

Fairhaven Jan. 6. 1901

Dear G. E. & Brewster.

Dear Sir,

I shall send

with this a copy of the Nantucket Catalogue, and will add a few remarks about some of the ferns. Hedwanda Virginica grows much higher than stated in Gray's Manual; I think that four feet is not uncommon for it. And so of M. angustissima; it is hard to find specimens of either of these species small enough for an ordinary herbarium. I don't like to say what my memory of the front is, but if you ask Mr. Dame and Mr. F. G. Lloyd how high they have seen them in Nantucket and they say that from three to four feet is the usual height, but that they are nearer five feet at that sixth mile stone station, I shall say that

I believe this was correct. X
Oenanda oliveriana. Mr. Davis told me the following when we saw that one
specimen - just one foot; it was late in
the summer & there was not much
growth left & he said it grows in
trees. I think this may be more
on the island where collectors at this
time season would detect, but we
are much too nothing about this
we know.

Ophioglossum vulgatum was found
in '89, in abundance at Monomoy
by Miss Mary Fisher Coffin, a lady
who died last year. This discovery by
her was three years after the Cata-
logue came out. Monomoy is about
four miles from the C. & D. station and six
miles from Mr. Davis.

X Of course I mean from the tip of the blade to
the tip of the rhizome - I believe that is
the regular way of measuring -

as soon as I can I will send a few
specimens to you. Dr. Tuckerman has lent me. On
the Dickenson ^{island} he has no specimens, but
he was collecting another season. He
will make careful observations.

Dr. Chapin had given away those
two specimens of G. matricarioides-
him, some is not all, to Dr. Robinson,
at his request, and they are probably
in the Gray Herbarium before this
time. He knows at least four stations
within our city limits here this year
grown well, and he says he will collect
more next year. Specimens

Hoping that these may be a ser-
vice to you

Yours very truly
E. L. Cresson

Yours very truly

Maria A. Allen

fill up label & return - Above
that line in ink is written
"Aspidium cristatum
var. major"

Label b is filled in with ink
"Aspidium cristatum
var. Clintonianum, Eaton"

I judged that these were the very
specimens which had passed under
Dr. E's inspection, and that

Judge Clinton then sent them to
his old friend Mr. Russell. I
gave them with the rest of my
very small herbarium to our
Society long ago -

Hoping that this account may be
of some use to you,

I remain
Yours very truly
Miss Maria L. Owen

Springfield July 20. 1904 -

H
Mr. G. E. Davenport.

Dear Sir,

The corresponding secu-
tancy of our botanical society
has sent me word that the
members were unwilling to lend
their specimen of Asp. crist.
var. Clintonianum, and had
voted accordingly. On account
of my deafness, I never attend
the meetings myself.

You asked, I believe, (I have
your letter at hand) for the history
of the specimen and I can give
you that -

Amongst them - Specimens left
to me by Mr. John Lewis Russell
of Salem who died over thirty
years ago, I found this fern
in question, represented by two
fronds, one 29 inches high, the other
 $26\frac{1}{2}$ inches! There were two labels,
and an informal note laid on
the sheet, which I will copy.

"This Aspidium troubled me. I
could not reconcile it with A.
Goldianum, and it seemed a
wide departure from A. cristatum
so I sent it to Eaton. Prof. C. an-
swered that he had received it from
other botanists who labelled it
A. Goldianum, but that he regarded

it as a form of A. cristatum.
At my instance he named it
Cristatum v. major, this ac-
counts for label (in pencil) a
— the filling up is his. He
afterwards, to my surprise &
gratification named the form
for me in the Manual, and
so I also furnish the label
marked b. G.W.C."

The labels have printed across
the top "Ex Coll. G.W. Clinton"
and at the bottom "Buffalo, New York"
The label a had plainly been sent
to Prof. Eaton unfilled, for on
it was written in pencil, "Please.

I thank you very much for
the account of the new *Arenaria*,
and the beautiful illustration. I
can certainly find great pleasure
in Mr. Brandegee's discovery.

Hoping that you will not be
disappointed in the result of your
^{journey} I remain

With kind regards

Your very truly
Maria L. Driven -

383 Union St.

Springfield,

Sept. 23. 1905

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My dear Mr. Davenport,

I have seen the presi-
dent of our botanical society, and
she says, as I do, that there can
be no objection to your photograph-
ing our plant. If you have kept
the letter I wrote you containing a
description of the specimen, will you
be kind enough to bring it? The last
time that I saw them I thought
some parts were missing, or else
it was one of the labels that I thought
was gone, and I should like to com-
pare what we have with the minute
and accurate description which I
gave you.

To come by trolley car must be a delightful way of making the journey, but I cannot help wishing that the trip was entirely voluntary — not forced upon you.

I shall be very happy to have a call from you, and will take you right down to the Science Museum where our Herbarium is kept, but I want to help you all I can, and perhaps I can propose a better plan. I will meet you at the Museum on any day that you set, and in that way you will gain a precious hour of daylight; this is on the supposition that you are going back to Medford the next day, — the next forenoon, but

perhaps you are planning to stay longer. The Museum is in the heart of the city, and to reach my house you would have to come by it, and then retrace your steps. If you should happen to reach the Museum first, Miss Pettis, the Assistant-Curator would give you all the help you needed.

The room is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. every week day, but strangers are admitted whenever they call — i.e. morning as well as afternoon; & the door would be locked in the morning, but I think Miss Pettis is always at work there, and would admit you.

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383 Union St.

Springfield, Oct. 8, 1905

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I have arranged for you in this way. You will come into Springfield at the head of State St. I should suppose, and the car coming down will pass the City Library where you will stop if you wish to go to the Science Museum at once. This building stands some little distance back of the Library and the Art Museum. Go up the walk from the street and you will see it.

At the Science Museum you will find Miss Pettis and Frank V. Bishop - one or both, and either of them will show you the fern in one minute, and you can plan with Miss Pettis for photographing it the next morning.

Frank Bishop is a lad of strong bent
toward natural science. He is still in
the High School, but spends much time
in the Museum, and is the most help-
ful, obliging young fellow that you could
wish to find. It will not be
necessary for me to meet you at the
Museum, but I hope you will come
and take tea and spend the evening
with me. Miss Pettis will show
you how to reach the house - through
Maple, passing Temple & High Sts., to
Union, then up that to 383, - a
short and pleasant walk. Tea at
any time between six and seven; my
family consists only of myself and my
sister-in-law, Mrs. Tallant, and the
time that suits you will suit us.
Hoping to see you Tuesday without fail,
Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

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Springfield Nov 10-1905

Dear Mr. Davenport,

Your letter of October 20. was forwarded to me in Nantucket where I was making a little visit, and I have but just found time since my return to copy the note which you wanted. I am glad that your trip was so satisfactory, and hope that when you come again, you will stay long enough to let your friend do more for your pleasure.

Yours very truly Maria L. Dow

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BOTANICAL SOCIETY
SCIENCE MUSEUM
SPRINGFIELD. MASS.

This specimen from Gov.
Clinton's herbarium has passed
under Professor Eaton's inspection,
and is one of those on which he
founded his variety - major - a
name which he afterwards changed
to Clintonianum. This is told
on the note fastened to one of
the sheets, which was probably written
to the Rev. John Lewis Russell of Salem
from whose herbarium this specimen
with many others came to me by his will.
Nov. 10. 1905. Maria L. Owen